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## WINTER WHEAT



Winter wheat production in Washington in 2006 is expected to total 122.4 million bushels, 1 percent above last year's crop and the highest production since 2000's 131.4 million bushels. At this level, Washington's production would be second only to Kansas. According to the May 1 conditions, ample showers during March and April 2006 improved topsoil moisture supplies for Washington growers. While harvested acres are both unchanged at 1.80 million acres from 2005, yields are expected to average 68.0 bushels per acre, 1 bushel above both last year and two years ago. Idaho growers are expected to harvest 710,000 acres, 20,000 less than last year. In Oregon, harvested acres are expected to fall 20,000 acres and yields are expected to decline 6 bushels per acre, resulting in production 12 percent below last year. The combined Pacific Northwest winter wheat crop is forecast at 228.1 million bushels, 3 percent below last year's crop.

### Winter Wheat: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2005 and Forecasted May 1, 2006

State & Region	Area Harvested		Yield		Production		
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels		
Washington	1,800	1,800	67.0	68.0	117,250	120,600	122,400
Idaho	730	710	91.0	90.0	63,000	66,430	63,900
Oregon	780	760	61.0	55.0	47,580	47,580	41,800
Pacific Northwest	3,310	3,270	70.9	69.8	227,830	234,610	228,100
United States	33,794	31,177	44.4	42.4	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,322,831

### Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2004-2006 1/

Year	Winter					Spring					Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Hard Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Durum	
	1,000 Bushels										
2004	856,211	380,305			262,918	525,467			43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	929,820	309,021	25,279	235,009	260,288	466,587	4,530	33,339	37,869	101,105	2,104,690
2006	714,874	356,222	21,713	230,022	251,735						

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available date including both survey and administrative data. The previous end-of-year season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season, except for States where updated information is available.

2/ Individual Hard White and Soft White estimates are not available prior to 2005.

# FARM LABOR

## Farm Labor, Wage Rates, Pacific Region & U.S. 1/ 2/

Month/Year	NUMBER OF WORKERS 3/			HOURS WORKED 3/		
	Pacific	California	United States	Pacific	California	United States
	<b>1,000 Workers</b>			<b>Hours Per Week</b>		
January 2004	41	190	662	38.2	41.8	38.1
April	64	182	753	40.2	45.0	39.9
July	112	218	961	37.3	44.6	39.2
October	68	200	851	39.3	45.0	40.5
January 2005	38	143	589	35.9	40.1	37.0
April	64	182	753	40.2	45.0	39.9
July	109	206	936	39.3	45.3	40.6
October	76	183	842	43.1	44.4	42.0
January 2006	52	* 125	* 614	35.8	* 41.6	38.2
April	65	137	718	37.5	43.1	40.8

  

Month/ Year	WAGE RATES 3/											
	Field			Livestock			Field & Livestock			All		
	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.
	<b>Dollars Per Hour</b>											
Jan '04	8.58	8.41	8.39	9.31	9.25	8.83	8.78	8.54	8.55	9.82	9.47	9.41
Apr	8.87	8.46	8.56	10.78	9.60	9.14	9.23	8.76	8.72	9.95	9.48	9.35
Jul	8.88	8.41	8.34	8.90	9.91	8.74	8.88	8.60	8.43	9.25	9.26	9.04
Oct	9.32	8.43	8.62	9.23	9.57	8.91	9.31	8.63	8.69	9.81	9.33	9.32
Jan '05	9.32	8.56	8.71	9.90	9.93	9.20	9.39	8.86	8.90	10.33	9.82	9.78
Apr	8.87	8.62	8.56	10.78	9.60	9.14	9.23	8.76	8.72	9.95	9.48	9.35
Jul	8.60	8.76	8.61	10.67	10.66	9.26	8.80	9.00	8.78	9.21	9.68	9.38
Oct	8.96	9.21	8.90	9.58	10.45	9.15	9.00	9.37	8.96	9.62	10.13	9.61
Jan '06	9.36	* 8.99	* 9.11	10.47	* 10.50	* 9.26	9.48	* 9.20	* 9.17	10.25	* 10.30	* 10.10
Apr	9.24	8.95	8.96	10.13	10.85	9.30	9.45	9.22	9.07	10.10	10.19	9.79

\* Revised.

1/ Pacific Region includes Washington and Oregon.

2/ United States excludes Alaska.

3/ All hired farm workers and wage rates includes supervisor/manager and other workers which are not published separately.

The farm labor reference week is the week that included the 12th of the month.

## Cattle on Feed: 1,000 Head Capacity Feedlots, April 2006

ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL
	<b>1,000 Head</b>		
Cattle on Feed, April 1 1/	250	152	11,812
Placed on Feed During April	31	23	1,629
Fed Cattle Marketed During April	34	22	1,794
Other Disappearances During April 2/	2	1	87
Cattle on Feed, May 1 1/	245	152	11,560

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrate and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pastures, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

# POULTRY

Washington's egg production totaled 104 million during April 2006, six million less than the 110 million produced in 2005. All layers in Washington on May 1, 2006, totaled 4,898 thousand, down 5 percent from a year ago. Eighteen percent of the layers in Washington were being molted as of May 1, while 45.0 percent of all the layers had completed at least one molting in their lifetime. United States egg production totaled 7.54 billion during April 2006, compared to the 7.41 billion produced in 2005. All layers in the United States on April 1, 2006 totaled 348.4 million layers, compared to 343.6 in 2005. Layers, in the United States, being molted as of May 1, 2006 were 5.4 percent, while 23.7 percent of all layers had completed at least one molting in their lifetime.



## Layer & Eggs Production, April 2005-2006, Selected States

State & Year	All Layers 1/	Eggs Per 100 Layers 1/	Egg Production	May 1 2/	
				Being Molted	Molt Complete
	1,000	Number	Millions	Percent	
Arkansas					
2005	14,560	1,902	277	1.5	8.5
2006	14,558	1,868	272	5.0	6.5
California					
2005	19,444	2,155	419	6.0	32.5
2006	20,160	2,098	423	9.0	35.0
Georgia					
2005	19,656	2,015	396	4.0	11.5
2006	19,326	2,018	390	3.0	10.5
Indiana					
2005	23,635	2,171	513	4.0	30.5
2006	24,637	2,232	550	6.5	28.0
Iowa					
2005	49,038	2,249	1,103	5.0	36.5
2006	52,425	2,209	1,158	5.5	34.5
Ohio					
2005	27,978	2,234	625	3.0	22.0
2006	28,423	2,213	629	4.0	22.0
Pennsylvania					
2005	23,943	2,301	551	4.0	15.0
2006	23,947	2,313	554	4.5	19.5
<b>Washington</b>					
2005	4,921	2,235	110	5.5	36.5
2006	4,898	2,123	104	18.0	45.0
<b>United States</b>					
2005	343,574	2,156	7,407	4.0	22.4
2006	348,454	2,164	7,541	5.4	23.7

1/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

2/ As of the first of the month.

## COLD STORAGE

Total fresh apples in storage for the United States on April 30, 2006, totaled 1,745.5 million pounds, (41.6 million boxes). The quantity in storage was 15 percent below last year's level.

Frozen French fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast States and eight Mountain States on April 30, 2006, totaled 651.7 million pounds, or accounted for 71 percent of the Nation's French fries in storage.

## STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Commodity	April 30, 2005	March 31, 2006	April 30, 2006
	<b>1,000 Pounds</b>		
<b><u>Apples, Fresh</u></b>			
California	11,973	8,564	434
Michigan	81,771	105,340	68,511
New York	104,244	118,146	77,112
Oregon	16,257	15,409	11,173
Pennsylvania	75,222	133,434	93,540
<b>Washington</b>	1,670,214	1,869,420	1,401,330
Regular Storage	93,610	177,513	107,210
Controlled Atmosphere	1,957,788	2,204,905	1,638,330
<b>48 States Total</b>	2,051,398	2,382,418	1,745,540
<b><u>Potatoes, French Fries</u></b>			
Mountain	189,974	185,855	181,609
Pacific	454,288	471,108	470,058
<b>48 States Total</b>	926,504	929,873	923,010
<b><u>Potatoes, Total</u></b>			
Mountain	233,449	236,715	233,266
Pacific	565,067	569,585	572,453
<b>48 States Total</b>	1,174,326	1,158,998	1,177,055



## HAY STOCKS

Crop Year	Washington	Oregon	Idaho	Pacific NW	United States
	<b>1,000 Tons</b>				
2003:					
Production	3,603	3,572	4,950	12,125	157,585
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2003	1,620	2,357	2,772	6,749	111,027
May 1, 2004	470	371	445	1,286	25,947
2004:					
Production	3,392	3,624	5,350	12,366	158,247
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2004	1,560	2,366	2,782	6,708	114,516
May 1, 2005	322	362	535	1,219	27,758
2005:					
Production	3,210	3,140	5,382	11,732	150,590
Stocks: Dec. 1, 2005	1,475	1,790	2,260	5,525	105,056
May 1, 2006	250	210	375	835	21,315

# POTATO STOCKS

Processors in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) used 61,855 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes to May 1, 2006, 2,000 thousand cwt. less than the 63,855 thousand cwt. processed during the same period last year, and 2,305 thousand cwt. less than the 64,160 thousand cwt. processed during the same time frame two years ago. Processing to May 1, 2006 in Washington and Oregon (excluding Malheur County) accounted for 53.4 percent of the 2005 production. Dehydrating usage in the nine processing states, excluding starch and flour, accounted for 30,825 thousand cwt. of raw potatoes.

## Fall Potato Production & Stocks on May 1, 2005-2006 1/

State	2004 Crop			2005 Crop		
	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2005 2/	May 1 Stocks As % of Prod.	Production	Total Stocks May 1, 2006 2/	May 1 Stocks As % of Prod.
	<b>1,000 Cwt.</b>		<b>Percent</b>	<b>1,000 Cwt.</b>		<b>Percent</b>
California	3,648	500	14	3,240	400	12
Colorado	23,791	6,000	25	22,292	4,300	19
Idaho	131,970	38,500	29	116,975	30,000	26
Maine	19,065	5,000	26	15,736	4,600	29
Michigan	13,650	900	7	13,920	900	6
Minnesota	18,920	5,100	27	17,630	2,700	15
Montana	3,551	500	14	3,434		
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	1,200	15
New York	5,184			5,226		
N. Dakota	26,765	7,200	27	20,500	2,800	14
Ohio 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	3,900	20	22,023	5,000	23
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640					
Washington	93,810	15,500	17	95,480	17,000	18
Wisconsin	30,450	3,800	12	27,880	3,700	13
Other States		1,650			350	
15 STATES TOTAL 4/	403,587	88,550	22	372,581	72,950	20

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

2/ Missing stock combined into "Other States."

3/ Stock estimates discontinued for the 2005 crop.

4/ Thirteen states for the 2005 crop.

## Potatoes Used for Processing, Nine States, 2004 & 2005 Crops 1/

State	Storage Season	To Dec. 1	To Jan. 1	To Feb. 1	To Mar. 1	To Apr. 1	To May 1	To Jun 1	Total
		<b>1,000 Cwt.</b>							
Idaho & Malheur Co., Ore.	2004-05	24,360	30,840	36,820	44,610	51,000	58,090	65,800	84,600
	2005-06	22,590	28,960	35,570	42,800	50,220	57,120	-	-
Maine 2/	2004-05	1,540	1,970	2,600	3,135	3,700	4,340	4,910	6,590
	2005-06	1,290	1,805	2,405	3,015	3,740	4,400	-	-
Wash. & Other Area, Ore.	2004-05	32,305	38,130	43,570	50,730	57,140	63,855	71,355	78,680
	2005-06 4/	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	-	-
Other States 3/	2004-05	12,490	15,000	17,965	20,910	24,150	27,480	30,945	41,175
	2005-06	11,820	15,030	17,980	21,230	24,080	26,990	-	-
TOTAL NINE STATES	2004-05	70,695	85,940	100,955	119,385	135,990	153,765	173,010	211,045
	2005-06 4/	66,010	81,690	96,500	115,335	133,360	150,365	-	-
Dehydrated 5/	2004-05	14,525	18,540	21,875	25,970	30,020	33,685	38,505	47,805
	2005-06 4/	12,180	15,920	19,515	23,210	27,205	30,825	-	-

- No monthly data available.

1/ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the State in which the potatoes were produced. Amount excludes quantities used for potato chips in CO, ME, MI, and WI.

2/ Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

3/ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

4/ April revised.

5/ Dehydrated products except starch and flour. Included in above totals. Includes CO, ID, NV, ND, OR, WA, and WI.

# MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production in Washington during April 2006 totaled 463 million pounds, 11 million pounds below production in April 2005. Production per cow averaged 1,955 pounds for April, 10 pounds below April 2005. The number of cows on farms in Washington was 237,000 head, 4,000 head less than April 2005 and 1,000 head less than March 2006.

Item	Month/Year *	Idaho	Oregon	Washington	23 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	Apr. 2005	443	121	241	8,117
	Mar. 2006	476	121	238	8,228
	Apr. 2006	478	121	237	8,241
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	Apr. 2005	1,850	1,610	1,965	1,690
	Mar. 2006	1,880	1,610	1,980	1,775
	Apr. 2006	1,850	1,530	1,955	1,727
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	Apr. 2005	820	195	474	13,717
	Mar. 2006	895	195	471	14,604
	Apr. 2006	884	185	463	14,230

1/ Twenty-three states include: AZ, CA, CO, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, OR, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA, & WI.

2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

\* March 2006 revised.

